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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB341
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION- REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Economic Matters Committee
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Chair Wilson, Vice-Chair Crosby and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you on HB341, Public Service Commission- Reporting Requirements. The purpose of this bill is to alter the date by which the Public Service Commission (PSC) must submit its annual Net Metering Report to the General Assembly from September 1 to November 1 each year; and eliminates the need for a separate reporting requirement relating to customer education about retail energy customer choice.

Currently under the Public Utilities Article, the PSC must submit its annual report no later than September 1 of each year. Extending the deadline to November 1, will allow the PSC additional time to gather the information, seek clarification from the utility companies and timely submit its findings to the General Assembly.

Further, HB341 seeks to eliminate the need for the PSC to separately report to the General Assembly the status of its efforts to educate customers on customer choice. This information is already reported by the PSC in its annual report due in May. Therefore removing this provision does not eradicate the PSC's obligation to education customers about customer choice, nor does it eliminate the PSC's requirement to report those efforts to the General Assembly. It merely removes a duplicate requirement of the PSC. Since the information is already encompassed within its annual reporting, this modification does not negatively impact customers.

For these reasons, I am requesting a favorable report.

With kindest regards,

Benjamin Brooks